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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES DIVISION

In re:

SCOOBEEZ, et al.¹,

**Debtors and Debtors in
Possession.**

Affects:

- ☒ All Debtors
- ☐ Scoobeez, ONLY
- ☐ Scoobeez Global, Inc., ONLY
- ☐ Scoobur LLC, ONLY

Case No. 2:19-bk-14989-WB
(Jointly Administered with
2:19-bk-14991-WB, and 2:19-bk-14997-WB)

Chapter 11

**AMAZON LOGISTICS, INC.'S OBJECTIONS
TO CONFIRMATION**

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Judge: The Hon. Julia W. Brand

¹ The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective federal taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Scoobeez (6339); Scoobeez Global, Inc. (9779); and, Scoobur, LLC (0343). The Debtors' address is 3463 Foothill Boulevard, in Glendale, California 91214.

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Amazon Logistics, Inc. (“**Amazon**”), a creditor herein, hereby objects to confirmation of the *First Amended Chapter 11 Joint Plan of Reorganization as Proposed by the Debtors, Hillair and The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [ECF No. 754] (the “**Plan**”)² and represents as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Despite specific, undisputed language in its contract with the Debtors permitting Amazon to terminate the contract with or without cause, consistent with its assurances to this Court and the Court’s rulings, Amazon has continued to work with the Debtors for over eight months. During those months, the Debtors have billed Amazon a total of \$22,371,907 which the Debtors used to fund their administrative expenses, including so-called adequate protection payments to the Debtors’ secured creditor, Hillair Capital Management, LLC (“**Hillair**”). During the same period, Amazon incurred charges of between \$1,566,033.49 and \$2,237,190.70 in excess of the charges that it would have incurred with another provider, if it had been permitted to terminate its contract with the Debtors.³ Those overcharges will continue to accrue at the rate of approximately \$300,000 per month until one of three things happens: (a) a plan of reorganization is confirmed and becomes effective, (b) the Debtors’ motion to reject the Amazon contract is granted and becomes effective or (c) Amazon is granted relief from the automatic stay.

Throughout these cases, the Debtors have professed that they would use chapter 11 to diversify their operations. However, the Debtors have not diversified – all of the income projected in: (a) the budget filed June 5, 2020 [Dkt. No. 786] and (b) the Debtors’ post-Effective Date projections is from the Amazon contract.⁴ Now, in an effort to keep Amazon unjustifiably tied to the Debtors for an indefinite period of time, the Debtors ask the Court to confirm a Plan

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan.

³ Deposition of George Voskanian (Jan. 28, 2020) (“**Voskanian Depo.**”) at 283:7-13 (“And, again, the reason 2.0 didn’t make sense for us specifically is because our pricing was higher than other DSPs. So it was almost guaranteed that if we were to go with the 2.0 and if there’s streamlined pricing, that means our pricing was going to go down by 7 to 10 percent.”).

⁴ Deposition of Brian Weiss (“**Weiss Depo.**”) at 67:3-7 (“Q: All right. And as I’m looking at the budget, the payments on account of the Amazon routes are the only – is the only cash income reflected in the budge, correct? A: Yes.”).

Voskanian Depo. at 60:14-61:4. See, Voskanian Depo. at 61:1-4 (“Q: For purposes of those projections, did you assume that Scoobeez would acquire business from any other party besides Amazon? A: No.”).

1 that does not satisfy the strict requirements of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. As such,
2 confirmation should be denied unless the Plan is amended as set forth below.

3 First, the Debtors' determination to reject the Amazon contract should be effective as of
4 the confirmation date. Between the Plan and the Debtors' *Motion to Assume Certain Executory*
5 *Contracts and Unexpired Leases and Reject Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases*
6 *Pursuant to 11 U.S.C Section 365* [Dkt. No. 800] separately filed in connection with the Plan, the
7 Debtors impermissibly seek to retain the ability to designate contracts for assumption or rejection
8 through the Effective Date of the Plan. Section 365(d)(2), however, only permits a debtor to
9 assume or reject executory contracts *before* confirmation of a chapter 11 plan and not after.
10 Moreover, this Court already held at the disclosure statement hearing that the Debtors had to
11 determine which contracts they were assuming and rejecting by the start of the confirmation
12 hearing.⁵

13 Second, the Plan improperly delays its Effective Date for six months after confirmation.
14 Unlike the "mega" cases cited in its confirmation brief where regulatory approvals, finalizing
15 agreed employment and financing documentation, and consummation of contemplated
16 settlements, were required between confirmation and the effective date, in this case there are no
17 pending approvals required for the Plan to go effective and no basis for the extraordinary delay
18 between the confirmation date and the Effective Date. The **only** reason the Debtors have cited for
19 delaying the Plan's Effective Date for six months is to "provide the Debtors with . . . continued
20 generation of cash flow while they continue to operate for Amazon,"⁶ allowing Hillair to extract
21 in excess of \$1 million from Amazon between the confirmation date and the anticipated Effective
22 Date alone. This Court has previously indicated its skepticism for the long delay and now that the
23 Debtors have admitted it is pure gamesmanship by seeking to reject the Amazon agreement, the
24 Court should not countenance it. The Debtors have enjoyed the benefit of their contractual
25 relationship with Amazon well beyond the period they are entitled to do so, to Amazon's
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27 ⁵ *Order (1) Approving the Disclosure Statement, etc.* (Dkt. No. 766) at ¶ 44.

28 ⁶ Declaration of Brian Weiss in Support of Confirmation of First Amended Plan of Reorganization as Proposed by
the Debtors, Hillair and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Weiss Decl.") at 4:1-3.

1 substantial economic detriment. Enough is enough. The Court should not condone the
2 unabashed bilking of Amazon the Debtors propose for an additional six months.

3 Absent the above amendments, confirmation of the Plan should be denied and the cases
4 converted to chapter 7. Moreover, the Plan contains numerous additional deficiencies. For
5 example, the Debtors lack the ability to fund Effective Date payments or establish the overall
6 feasibility of the Plan. In fact, Amazon learned in discovery related to the Plan that the Debtors'
7 CFO was directed to include only Amazon revenues in the Debtors' projections related to the
8 Plan and assume, despite all evidence to the contrary, that the Amazon contract would continue
9 for at least three years after the Effective Date. In reality, both the Debtors and Amazon are
10 seeking to reject the Amazon contract. Therefore, the Debtors know their projections will never
11 be attainable.

12 The Plan also cannot be confirmed because it violates the "best interests of creditors test"
13 under section 1129(a)(7) as to general unsecured creditors and contains a number of
14 impermissible provisions in this Circuit, such as third party releases, overly broad exculpation
15 provisions, conditions that are unlikely to be attained, and attempts to expand the discharge to
16 which the Debtors will be entitled.

17 For these and the other reasons set forth herein, confirmation of the Plan should be denied.

18 **II. OBJECTION**

19 **A. The Plan's Effective Date Cannot Be Delayed for Six Months.**

20 The Plan Proponents have offered no legitimate basis to delay the Effective Date for six
21 months after the Confirmation Hearing. As a result, if the Plan is confirmed, it should become
22 effective as soon as any stay of the confirmation order expires.

23 As explained by the Court in *In re Yates Development, Inc.* 258 B.R. 36 (Bankr. M.D. Fla.
24 2000):

25 There are two views as to when an effective date may occur. Some
26 courts hold that a plan's effective date should be on or close to the
27 date on which a confirmation order is entered. Other courts have
28 held that an effective date which occurs around the date a
confirmation order becomes final is acceptable. [The latter holding]
was predicated upon the fact that any appeal, and thus, any resulting
delay in the case, would be instituted by the creditors, not the debtor.

1 “This concern could be minimized if not completely avoided, since
2 if the [creditors] do not create a delay, the effective date need be no
later that (*sic*) 30 days after the entry of the Confirmation Order . . .”

3 258 B.R. at 42–43 (quoting *In re Wonder Corp. of Am.*, 70 B.R. 1018, 1021 (Bankr. Conn. 1987)
4 (internal citations omitted)). *See also*, *In re Potomac Iron Works, Inc.*, 217 B.R. 170 (Bankr. Md.
5 1997); *In re Krueger*, 66 B.R. 463, 465 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 1986) (holding four month delay
6 between plan confirmation and the effective date is unreasonable); *In re Jones*, 32 B.R. 951, 959,
7 n. 13 (Bankr. Utah 1983) (“[T]he effective date of the plan should be reasonably close to the date
8 of the confirmation hearing.”). Amazon is not aware of any cases that have held that the effective
9 date can be delayed for over six months solely so that the debtor’s secured lender can extract
10 more value from a contract that is being rejected.

11 The reasoning for such a general rule is clear: deferral of the effective date shifts risks to
12 the objecting party. *Yates Dev.*, 258 B.R. at 43 (when there is a delay between confirmation and
13 the effective date, the objecting party is “forced to bear all of the risk of the delay.”). Moreover,
14 in the event there is a short delay between confirmation and the effective date, “the effective date
15 [must be] linked to the happening of a particular event and [be] no later than is reasonably
16 necessary to accomplish a legitimate purpose . . .” *Wonder Corp. of Am.*, 70 B.R. at 1021; *see*
17 *also* Kenneth N. Klee, Adjusting Chapter 11: Fine Tuning the Plan Process, 69 Am. Bankr. L.J.
18 551, 561 (1995) (“This all-important date [*i.e.*, the effective date] should not be left to conjecture
19 or undue manipulation.”). As acknowledged by Mr. Voskanian, the longer the gap between the
20 confirmation hearing and a plan’s effective date, the cloudier the crystal ball that the Court must
21 use to assess the plan’s feasibility.⁷

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27 ⁷ Voskanian Depo. at 64:24-65:4 (Q: Okay. At the time – at the time you thought it was pretty speculative that the
28 Amazon contract would continue, correct? Mr. Simon: Objection. Speculation. A: Every model is – every model is
speculative. Like, for anyone to guess where the numbers are going to be, there’s not a single person who could
forecast three months out and be accurate. Everything is speculative on a model It’s educated guessing.”).

1 Assuming there is no resolution of the Amazon Litigation (and such a resolution does not
2 appear likely in the near term), the Plan's Effective Date is expected (but not guaranteed) to occur
3 on December 31, 2020— nearly six months after the Confirmation Hearing. Yet, there is no
4 legitimate reason for this delay. To the contrary, most of the conditions to the Plan will occur
5 automatically but all of which can be accomplished immediately following the Confirmation
6 Date. Specifically, the Plan contemplates only the following limited set of transactions before the
7 Effective Date can occur:

- 8 • Hillair is to receive 80% of the equity interests in the Reorganized Debtors and a
9 secured note for \$3,000,000 with interest at 9% per annum, payable at the rate of
10 \$100,000 per week. Plan §§ III.C.2 and II. A.8.
- 11 • The Estate Cash Payment (\$1,500,000) is to be transferred to the Escrow Cash
12 Account on the Confirmation Date and automatically vest in the Creditor Trust on
13 the Effective Date. Plan §§ VI and IV.C.
- 14 • The Hillair Causes of Action is to automatically vest in Hillair as of the Effective
15 Date. Plan § VI.A.
- 16 • Any Remaining Causes of Action are to automatically vest in the Creditor Trust as
17 of the Effective Date. Plan § VI.B.
- 18 • 20% of the equity interests in the Reorganized Debtors are to automatically vest in
19 the Creditor Trust. Plan § VI.C. and II.A.35.
- 20 • Any Remaining Assets are to automatically vest in the Reorganized Debtors. Plan
21 § VI.B.

22 None of these transactions require action by any third party or lengthy regulatory approvals or to
23 justify delaying the Effective Date beyond the time that any stay of the Confirmation Order may
24 be in effect.

25 The Debtors' reliance on the delayed effective dates of plans in "mega" cases filed by
26 Ambac Financial Group, Delphi Corp., Relativity Fashion, Sun Edison and W.R. Grace is
27 misplaced. First, no creditor in any of those cases objected to the plans proposed in those cases
28 based upon any delay in the effective date of those plans. Second, the plans in those cases

1 involved complex financial restructurings that required time to complete, unlike the simple,
2 straight-forward transactions among the Plan Proponents contemplated by the Plan.⁸ Most
3 importantly, however, none of these cases or plan were designed by the debtors to artificially be
4 delayed so that the debtors could extract value they were not entitled to from one of their
5 creditors.

6 *In re Indianapolis Downs, LLC*, 486 B.R. 286, 298–99 (Bankr. D. Del. 2013) also relied
7 upon by the Debtors, is illustrative of when a delayed effective date is justified and when it is not.
8 In that case, the debtor operated a race track and casino. During the case, the Court approved a
9 sale of substantially all of the debtor’s assets to a third party, who applied for regulatory
10 approvals necessary to consummate the sale and operate the debtor’s business. The Court
11 considered confirmation of the debtor’s plan prior to those regulatory approvals being received
12 and determined as follows:⁹

13 It is not at all unusual for consummation of a Chapter 11 plan to be
14 conditioned upon the expectation of approval by regulatory
15 authorities, and courts have not typically held up confirmation of a
plan to wait for issuance of such approvals.

16 486 B.R. at 298. Concluding that the required approvals were probable, the Court confirmed the
17 plan despite the effective date being conditioned on such approvals.

18 Unlike *Indianapolis Downs*, and the other cases relied upon by the Debtors, there is no
19 justification for a delayed effective date in the present case, other than a desire by the Plan
20 Proponents to force Amazon to subsidize Hillair’s future business operations. If Hillair, the
21 primary beneficiary of the Debtors’ proposed reorganization, intends to support the Reorganized
22 Debtors, there is no reason why it cannot start doing so immediately, rather than continuing to
23 hold Amazon hostage by artificially delaying the Effective Date.

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27 ⁸ *Id.*

28 ⁹ 486 B.R. at 298 (“[T]he Plan is built around the sale of the Debtor’s business to Centaur. If the necessary
approvals are not obtained, that transaction will fail and the Plan will likewise fail.”)

1 **B. The Debtors Haven't Satisfied The Standard for Confirmation**

2 In order to confirm a plan, the plan proponent must satisfy the requirements under section
3 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The proponent must satisfy this burden by a preponderance of
4 the evidence. *See, e.g., In re Ambanc La Mesa Ltd. P'ship*, 115 F.3d 650, 653 (9th Cir. 1997).
5 The Plan Proponents have not met this burden with Mr. Weiss's conclusory declaration. As a
6 result, confirmation must be denied.

7 **C. The Plan Is Not Feasible**

8 Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that a bankruptcy court find that
9 "[c]onfirmation of the plan [of reorganization] is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or
10 the need for further financial reorganization, of the debtor or any successor to the debtor under the
11 plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the plan." 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(11).
12 "The purpose of section 1129(a)(11) is to prevent confirmation of visionary schemes which
13 promise creditors and equity security holders more under a proposed plan than the debtor can
14 possibly attain after confirmation." *Matter of Pizza of Hawaii, Inc.*, 761 F.2d 1374, 1382 (9th
15 Cir. 1985) (internal citations omitted).

16 This "feasibility" analysis "requires courts to determine whether the Plan is feasible and
17 has a reasonable likelihood of success." *In re G-1 Holdings, Inc.*, 420 B.R. 216, 267 (D.N.J.
18 2009) (citations omitted). "But 'feasibility' can be read broader to ask simply, 'Is this plan even
19 possible'?" *In re NNN Parkway 400 26, LLC*, 505 B.R. 277, 285 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2014). To
20 provide sufficient evidence of feasibility, "[t]he debtor must offer more than speculation about the
21 source of funding for the plan." *Crestar Bank v. Walker (In re Walker)*, 165 B.R. 994, 1003 (E.D.
22 Va. 1994). Among other things, "[s]ection 1129(a)(11) requires the plan proponent to show
23 *concrete evidence* of a sufficient cash flow to fund and maintain both its operations and
24 obligations under the plan." *S & P, Inc. v. Pfeifer*, 189 B.R. 173, 183 (N.D. Ind. 1995) (emphasis
25 added).

1. The Plan is not Feasible Because the Estate Cash Payment is Insufficient to Pay the Estate's Professional Fees in Excess of the Amounts Budgeted for Those Fees.

The Plan provides that the estate's professional fees in excess of the amounts provided for in the cash collateral budgets approved by this Court are to be paid from the Estate Cash Payment in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, outstanding and future unpaid and allowed Professional Fee Claims (except for Hillair Professional Fees) shall be paid in accordance with the amounts set forth in the Court-approved cash collateral budgets (the "Budgeted Professional Fees") and the Estate Cash Payment.

Plan § III.B.3 (emphasis in original).

On May 18, 2020, Scoobeez filed its operating report for the period ending April 30, 2020.¹⁰ According to that operating report, as of April 30, 2020, Scoobeez had incurred estimated counsel fees in the sum of \$2,063,896. In the just over 12 months that this case had been pending, that equates to an average of \$171,991.33 per month.

The Court has entered six orders authorizing the Debtors to use Hillair's purported cash collateral, as follows:

Stipulation Dkt. No.	Order Dkt. No.	Ending Date	Amount
None	No. 52	May 14, 2019	\$0.00
132	135	July 19, 2019	\$350,000
None	172	September 6, 2019	\$330,000
None	328	December 6, 2019	\$390,000
486	490	March 6, 2020	\$100,000
654	662	June 5, 2020	\$200,000 ¹¹
786	796	December 31, 2020	\$250,000

Thus, as of April 30, 2020, the total budgeted fees for the Debtors' counsel were \$1,170,000.¹²

¹⁰ As of the date of this objection, the Debtors have not filed their operating report for the period ending on May 31, 2020.

¹¹ Of this amount, \$150,000 was budgeted to be incurred prior to April 30, 2020.

¹² \$350,000 plus \$330,000 plus \$100,000 plus \$150,000 (budgeted through April 30, 2020).

1 As of the same date, \$893,896 remained to be paid from the Estate Cash Payment.¹³

2 For the period May 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (8 months), the cash collateral
3 orders budgeted a total of \$300,000 for the Debtors' counsel. Apart from ordinary administrative
4 functions, the Debtors' counsel either performed, or will have to perform, at least the following
5 services during that time period:

- 6 • Preparation of the Amended Plan and Disclosure Statement and obtaining approval
7 of the Amended Disclosure Statement;
- 8 • Distribution of the Court approved Solicitation Materials and computation of plan
9 ballots;
- 10 • Briefing, preparation and appearance at a contested plan confirmation hearing.
- 11 • Briefing, preparation and appearance on the Debtors' motion to assume and reject
12 executory contracts;
- 13 • Plan implementation;
- 14 • Preparation of a final fee application; and
- 15 • Litigation of the Amazon Adversary Proceeding.

16 Assuming that the Debtors' counsel continues to incur fees at slightly below the average monthly
17 amount incurred through April 30, 2020 (\$170,000) for the remaining 8 months prior to the
18 Effective Date, Debtors' counsel is likely to incur at least \$1,360,000 in additional fees prior to
19 December 31, 2020, or \$1,060,000 in excess of the budgeted amount. When added to the
20 accumulated fees in excess of budget as of April 30, 2020, the total fees in excess of budget soar
21 to over \$2.2 million or more than \$750,000 more than the \$1,500,000 Estate Cash Payment.
22 Notably, this calculation excludes all other professionals, such as the CRO, ordinary course
23 professionals, or the Committee's professionals who may similarly come in over budget.

24 The Plan Proponents bear the burden of proving that the proposed Plan is feasible and
25 have not offered an iota of evidence regarding whether the Estate Cash Payment will be
26 sufficient. There is also no concrete economic support for the Plan from Hillair. As a result,
27 neither creditors nor this Court can conclude that the Plan is feasible.

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¹³ \$2,063,896 less \$1,170,000.

1 **2. There Is No Viable Enterprise After the Effective Date**

2 There is also no dispute that the Amazon contract will now be terminated sooner rather
3 than later, since Debtors have filed a motion to reject it. With this undisputed reality, confirming
4 the Plan so as to defer the inevitable termination of the Amazon contract would serve no purpose
5 but to “shelter the [d]ebtors from the inevitable.” *In re Friendship Dairies*, Case No. 12-20405-
6 RLJ-11, 2014 WL 29081, at *9 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Jan. 3, 2014) (quoting *In re Anderson Oaks*
7 (*Phase I*) *Ltd. P’ship*, 77 B.R. 108, 111 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 1987)).

8 The only evidence the Debtors offer to prove that the Reorganized Debtors will be able to
9 perform their Plan obligations post Effective Date and not require further restructuring are two
10 paragraphs in Mr. Weiss’s declaration. First, Mr. Weiss summarily declares that:

11 Based on the Debtors’ projections, there will be sufficient cash for
12 the Debtors to make all required “Effective Date” payments and
 otherwise satisfy their obligations under the Plan.

13 Weiss Decl. at ¶ 16. Despite their burden of proof, the Debtors failed to provide the Court and
14 creditors with those projections, or to explain the facts or assumptions upon which they are based.
15 Manifestly, this is insufficient for the Debtors’ to satisfy their burden of proof and support any
16 finding by the Court that the Plan is feasible. *See In re Clarkson*, 767 F.2d 417, 420 (8th Cir.
17 1985) (“The [debtors] failure to file operation reports or audit reports makes informed
18 expectations about the plan’s success virtually impossible.”); *Friendship Dairies*, 2014 WL
19 29081, at *11 (“[C]ourts should be wary of debtors manipulating their projections by presenting a
20 ‘moving target,’ that is, adjusting their projections or morphing them in a way that suggests
21 gamesmanship.”); *In re Inv. Co. of The Sw., Inc.*, 341 B.R. 298, 311 (B.A.P. 10th Cir. 2006)
22 (“Feasibility determinations must be firmly rooted in predictions based on objective fact.”); *In re*
23 *Nw. Timberline Enters., Inc.*, 348 B.R. 412, 426–27 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2006) (noting debtors’
24 projections were amorphous and were difficult to tie to financial statements).

25 According to the Disclosure Statement, Amazon is the Debtors’ “only customer”
26 (Disclosure Statement at § VII.G) and 100% of the revenue projected in the Debtors’ cash
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1 collateral budget is from the Amazon contract.¹⁴ The Plan Proponents offer no explanation as to
2 how the Reorganized Debtors will operate post-Effective Date and pay the \$100,000 per week to
3 Hillair that the Plan requires. In fact, the only post-Effective Date projections that the Debtors
4 prepared inexplicably assume no revenue from sources other than Amazon.¹⁵

5 As stated by the Ninth Circuit, the purpose of the feasibility requirement of section
6 1129(a)(11) “is to prevent confirmation of visionary schemes which promise creditors and equity
7 security holders more under a proposed plan than the debtor can possibly attain after
8 confirmation.” *Pizza of Hawaii, Inc. v. Shakey’s, Inc. (In re Pizza of Hawaii, Inc.)*, 761 F.2d
9 1374, 1382 (9th Cir. 1985). The instant Plan is not even a visionary scheme, because the Plan
10 Proponents have not offered the Court any view of the Reorganized Debtors’ business. Rather,
11 the Plan Proponents ask this Court to take a leap of faith off the confirmation cliff blindfolded
12 because at its essence all they want is another six months of revenue from Amazon.
13 11 U.S.C. § 1129(a)(11), however, prevents this Court from doing so.

14 Mr. Weiss also stated that:

15 Post-Effective Date, Hillair will be the primary debt and equity
16 holder of the Reorganized Debtors and has expressed to me that they
plan to support the business and attempt to attract new customers.

17 Weiss Decl. at ¶ 17. However, Mr. Weiss testified that Hillair has not provided any specific
18 details of that support, and that there is no agreement with Hillair to do so.¹⁶ As with the
19 undisclosed projections, such vague indications of support are not a sufficient basis to support a
20 feasibility finding. *In re Olde Prairie Block Owner, LLC*, 467 B.R. 165, 169 (Bankr. N.D. Ill.
21 2012) (“[S]incerity, honesty and willingness are not sufficient to make the plan feasible, and
22 neither are visionary promises.”); *Inv. Co. of The Sw.*, 341 B.R. at 311 (“Feasibility
23 determinations must be firmly rooted in predictions based on objective fact.”).

24 Mr. Weiss also testified that, even if the Debtors’ were to liquidate immediately following
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26 ¹⁴ Weiss Depo. at 67:3-7 (“Q: All right. And as I’m looking at the budget, the payments on account of the Amazon
routes are the only – is the only cash income reflected in the budge, correct? A: Yes.”).

27 ¹⁵ Voskanian Depo. at 60:14-61:4. See, Voskanian Depo. at 61:1-4 (“Q: For purposes of those projections, did you
assume that Scoobeez would acquire business from any other party besides Amazon? A: No.”).

28 ¹⁶ Weiss Depo. at 114:19-116:6.

1 the Effective Date, there would be sufficient cash on hand to satisfy all of the Debtors'
2 obligations.¹⁷ This is demonstrably false. The current cash collateral budget projections reflect
3 an ending cash balance as of January 1, 2021 in the amount of \$3,833,172.¹⁸ The budget does not
4 factor the Estate Cash Payment required to be paid on the Confirmation Date. Taking that into
5 account, as well as Scoobeez's net receivables through April 30, 2020 of 280,080, the projected
6 amount available to pay Hillair's \$3,000,000 note is only \$2,613,792. The deficiency is even
7 greater if one accounts for other claims.

8 **D. The Plan Does Not Satisfy the Best Interest of Creditors Test Because Hillair**
9 **Does Not Have a Security Interest in the Debtors' Post-Petition Receipts.**

10 The Plan also fails because creditors would fare better under a hypothetical chapter 7
11 liquidation. Therefore, the Plan does not satisfy the "best interests of creditors" test. Notably, a
12 class vote in favor of confirmation does not cure this infirmity. Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 1129.02
13 (The best interests of creditors test "renders irrelevant class votes if but one member of that class
14 would get less than their liquidation preference under the plan.").

15 Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(7), unless agreed otherwise, "a creditor or
16 interest holder must receive property that has a present value equal to that participant's
17 hypothetical chapter 7 distribution if the debtor were liquidated instead of reorganized on the
18 plan's effective date." 7 Collier on Bankruptcy ¶ 1129.02 (Richard Levin & Henry J. Sommer
19 eds., 16th ed. 2019).

20 Bankruptcy Code section 552(a) establishes the general rule that the property that the
21 debtor acquires after the commencement of the bankruptcy case is not subject to pre-petition
22 liens. While section 552(b) limits this general rule, Hillair's lien does not extend to the Debtors'
23 employees or the value generated by their labor. See, e.g., *In re Premier Golf Props., LP*, 477
24 B.R. 767, 774–75 (Bankr. 9th Cir. 2012) (affirming bankruptcy court's finding that a lender's lien

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26 ¹⁷ Weiss Decl., ¶ 16 ("In fact, the Debtors' projections illustrate that even if the business ceased operating
27 immediately after the Effective Date, rather than financed the continuation of the business over time, there would be
28 cash to pay Hillair's \$3 million reduced secure claim in full as well as pay all projected post-petition liabilities in the
ordinary course of business with an excess of approximately \$1.1 million.

¹⁸ Dkt. No. 786 at pg. 8 of 14.

1 on a debtor golf club operator's personal property, general intangibles, license fees and "all
2 proceeds thereof," and real estate, and all rents, profits, issues, and revenues from the real
3 property did not extend to postpetition green fees or driving range fees); *In re Skagit Pac. Corp.*,
4 316 B.R. 330, 336 (Bankr. 9th Cir. 2004) (holding that despite prepetition liens on accounts
5 receivable, postpetition accounts receivable were not included within the definition of "proceeds"
6 where the revenue was derived, in part, from postpetition services performed by the debtor); *In re*
7 *Cafeteria Operators, L.P.*, 299 B.R. 400, 405 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2003) (the "revenues generated
8 post-petition solely as a result of the debtor's labor are not subject to a pre-petition lender's
9 security interest.").

10 Because the amounts paid by Amazon pursuant to its contract result from delivery
11 services performed by the Debtors' employees, those revenues are *not* subject to Hillair's security
12 interests, Mr. Weiss's conclusion that creditors would be better under the Plan than in a
13 liquidation – based upon his assumption that Hillair's claim is fully secured and unsecured
14 creditors would receive nothing in a liquidation - is incorrect. And, as a consequence, the Plan
15 Proponents have not demonstrated that the Plan satisfies the best interests of creditors test and the
16 Plan cannot be confirmed.

17 **E. Various Other Plan Issues**

18 In addition to the above defects, there are a number of other issues that, unless corrected,
19 prevent confirmation.

20 **1. Third Party Releases**

21 The Plan purports to require all unsecured creditors who do not opt out to:

22 release and forever waive and discharge ***the Debtors, the Estate***
23 ***Release Parties, and the Hillair Released Parties*** of and from any
24 and all past, present and future legal actions, causes of action, choses
25 in action, rights, demands, suits, claims, liabilities, encumbrances,
26 lawsuits, adverse consequences, amounts paid in settlement, costs,
27 fees, damages, debts, deficiencies, diminution in value,
28 disbursements, expenses, losses and other obligations of any kind,
character or nature whatsoever, whether in law, equity or otherwise
(including those arising under Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code and
applicable non-bankruptcy law, and any and all alter ego, lender
liability, indemnification or contribution theories of recovery, and
interest or other costs, penalties, legal, accounting and other
professional fees and expenses, and incidental, consequential and

punitive damages payable to third parties), whether known or unknown, fixed or contingent, direct, indirect, or derivative, asserted or unasserted, foreseen or unforeseen, suspected or unsuspected, now existing, heretofore existing or ***which may heretofore accrue from the beginning of time to and including the Effective Date*** related in any way, directly or indirectly, arising out of, and/or connected with any or all of the Debtors, their Estates, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Plan, or solicitation of the Plan . . .

Plan § XI.B.c (emphasis added). The “Estate Released Parties” are “(a) the Debtors and their respective employees (who are not officers or directors), attorneys, financial advisors, investment bankers, accountants, agents, representatives, and other Professional Persons, and successors and assigns, as well as the Indemnified Officers and Directors and (b) the Committee, the members thereof in their capacity as such, and the Committee’s Professional Persons.” The “Hillair Released Parties are “Hillair and each of its agents, representatives, officers, directors, employees, attorneys and other professionals, agents and other representatives, and successors and assigns.” Plan § II.A.62.

There are four problems with this release. First, the Ninth Circuit has held that third-party plan releases—consensual or otherwise—are generally inappropriate. 8 *Collier on Bankruptcy* ¶ 1141.02 (Richard Levin & Henry J. Sommer eds., 16th ed. 2020) (quoting *Underhill v. Royal*, 769 F.2d 1426, 1432 (9th Cir. 1985) (“[T]he bankruptcy court has no power to discharge the liabilities of a nondebtor pursuant to the consent of creditors as part of a reorganization plan”); *Resorts Int’l v. Lowenschuss (In re Lowenschuss)*, 67 F.3d 1394, 1401-02 (9th Cir. 1995) (the Ninth Circuit “has repeatedly held, without exception, that [section] 524(e) precludes bankruptcy courts from discharging the liabilities of non-debtors.”); *In re Am. Hardwoods, Inc.*, 885 F.2d 621, 625 (9th Cir. 1989). More particularly, “opt out” releases, such as the ones provided for in the Debtors’ Plan are not permitted. *In re Emerge Energy Servs. LP*, Case No. 19-11563 (KBO), 2019 WL 7634308, at *18 (Bankr. D. Del. Dec. 5, 2019) (“[I]t cannot be said with certainty that those failing to return a ballot or Opt-Out Form did so intentionally to give the third-party release . . .”); *In re SunEdison, Inc.*, 576 B.R. 453 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2017); *In re Chassix Holdings, Inc.*, 533 B.R. 64, 78 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2015); *In re Wash. Mut., Inc.*, 442 B.R. 314, 355 (Bankr. D. Del. 2011) (“However, the Court concludes that the opt out mechanism is not sufficient to support

1 the third party releases anyway, particularly with respect to parties who do not return a ballot (or
2 are not entitled to vote in the first place). Failing to return a ballot is not a sufficient manifestation
3 of consent to a third party release.”). Under Ninth Circuit precedent, broad, non-debtor releases
4 are not permissible unless they are consensual, and providing an opt-out provision is insufficient
5 to render them consensual.

6 Second, the release purports to release claims against categories of unnamed entities and
7 individuals (see definitions of Hillair Released Parties and Estate Released Parties quoted above).
8 That creditors have no means of identifying the individuals and entities swept into the release by
9 that language underscores the fact that the proposed releases are not truly consensual as creditors
10 could not possibly know what claims they were releasing, or who was being released from those
11 claims, when they voted on the Plan.

12 Third, the release purports to expand upon the discharge that the debtors are entitled to
13 receive by extinguishing claims, rather than discharging them, and operating as of the Effective
14 Date, rather than the Confirmation Date. A discharge operates as an injunction to prevent the
15 collection of a discharged debt as a personal liability of the discharged debtor. 11 U.S.C. §
16 524(b). It does not release or extinguish the discharged debt. *Blixseth v. Credit Suisse (In re*
17 *Blixseth)*, Case No. 16-35304, 2020 WL 3089263, at *6, ___ F.3d ___ (9th Cir. June 11, 2020) (“a
18 discharge in bankruptcy does not extinguish the debt itself but merely releases the debtor from
19 personal liability....”) (quoting *Landsing Diversified Props.-II v. First Nat’l Bank & Tr. Co. of*
20 *Tulsa (In re W. Real Estate Fund)*, 922 F.2d 592, 600 (10th Cir. 1990)). This is an important
21 distinction because, among other things, third parties who may also be responsible for payment of
22 a discharged debtor’s obligations, such as guarantors and insurers, remain liable to pay the
23 discharged debt, but would not be liable if the discharged debt were also released or extinguished.
24 11 U.S.C. § 524(e) (“discharge of a debt of the debtor does not affect the liability of any other
25 entity on, or the property of any other entity for, such debt.”). Also, the release purports to
26 release claims as of the Effective Date, rather than as of the date that the Plan is confirmed as
27 provided in § 1141(d)(1)(A). 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(1)(A) (“confirmation of a plan – (A)
28 discharges the debtor from any debt that arose before the date of such confirmation ...”). If the

1 Plan is confirmed, the Debtors would not be entitled to a discharge of claims accruing between
2 the Confirmation Date and the Effective Date, much less a release of those claims.

3 Fourth, the release purports to release claims premised upon acts or omissions that have
4 not yet occurred (because the release applies to claims in existence as of the Effective Date,
5 which will not occur, if at all, until December 31, 2020.) Releases of “future” claims are not
6 permissible. *Medtronic AVE, Inc. v. Advanced Cardiovascular Sys., Inc.*, 247 F.3d 44, 58 (3d
7 Cir. 2001) (“[A] release usually will not be construed to bar a claim which had not accrued at the
8 date of its execution or a claim which was not known to the party giving the release.”); *Miller v.*
9 *Greenwich Cap. Fin. Prods., Inc. (In re Am. Fin. Servs., Inc.)*, 361 B.R. 747, 754 (Bankr. Del.
10 2007) (“[A] release is overly broad if it releases claims based on a set of operative facts that will
11 occur in the future.”) (quoting *UniSuper Ltd. v. News Corp.*, 898 A.2d 344, 347 (Del. Ch. 2006)).

12 As a result, § XI.B.c should be stricken from the Plan. The Debtors do not need a release
13 because, if the Plan is confirmed, they will receive a discharge. Granting a release to third party
14 beneficiaries is contrary to binding Ninth Circuit authority and public policy.

15 2. Exculpation

16 In *Blixseth*, the Ninth Circuit approved the inclusion of narrowly tailored exculpation
17 clauses in plans of reorganization. The Plan’s exculpations, however, exceed the permissible by
18 including a finding of fact for which there is no evidentiary support and for which there could not
19 possibly be any evidentiary support because the proposed finding refers to events that have not
20 yet occurred.

21 The Debtor and the Committee (and their respective relevant
22 members, postpetition agents, directors, officers, employees,
23 advisors and attorneys) have participated in compliance with the
24 Bankruptcy Code and applicable law with regard to solicitation ***and***
25 ***distributions pursuant to this Plan*** and therefore are not and on
account of the same shall not be liable at any time for the violation
of any applicable law, rule or regulation governing the solicitation of
acceptances or rejections of this Plan ***or such distributions made***
pursuant to this Plan.

26 Plan § XI.A (emphasis added). Distributions under the Plan will not be made until after the
27 Effective Date. Thus, this Court cannot possibly conclude that such distributions were made “in
28 compliance with the Bankruptcy Code and applicable law” or that the named parties cannot be

1 liable for their actions in making such distributions.

2 Further, to the extent that this provision was intended to provide a standard with which to
3 assess any potential, future claims arising in connection with distributions under the Plan, it is
4 overly broad and fails to exempt claims for willful misconduct or gross negligence. *See, Blixith*
5 at *5 approving exculpation clause that “applies only to negligence claims; it does not release
6 parties ‘from willful misconduct or gross negligence.’”

7 **3. Injunction and Discharge**

8 The Plan also includes broad injunction and discharge provisions that do not comport with
9 the Bankruptcy Code.

10 **a. The Injunction**

11 The Plan contains a broad injunction at Section XI.F. That provision should be deleted or
12 amended for the following reasons:

- 13 • The Injunction is not necessary. With respect to the Debtor, the injunction is
14 unnecessary. The Debtor receives a *discharge* as a matter of law that operates as
15 an injunction against efforts to collect discharged debts. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 524(a).
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- 17 • The Injunction is overly broad because it applies to Claims arising prior to the
18 Effective Date. Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(1)(A) provides that a
19 reorganized debtor is entitled to a discharge of its debts that arose before
20 confirmation of the debtor’s plan. At page 54, line 25, the Plan, however, provides
21 for an injunction against Claims that arise “prior to the Effective Date.” This is
22 improper. If the Court is otherwise inclined to confirm the Plan and provide for
23 the requested injunction, this provision should be amended to reflect that the
24 injunction applies only to claims that arose prior to Plan confirmation.
- 25 • The Injunction’s prohibition on the filing of actions and requiring the dismissal of
26 pending actions is overly broad. This provision would preclude the filing of
27 proceedings in the Bankruptcy Court relating to matters other than the enforcement
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1 of the Plan. There is no reason to do so. More importantly from Amazon's
2 perspective, Amazon's appeal from this Court's denial of its motion for relief from
3 the stay is currently pending before the District Court. This provision would
4 appear to deem that appeal as withdrawn or dismissed. There is no authority
5 justifying the Plan Proponents' attempt to deprive Amazon of its appellate rights.

- 6 • The Injunction violates Bankruptcy Code section 365. The injunction, if issued,
7 would preclude parties to assumed executory contracts from asserting their
8 contractual right to indemnity and/or contribution from the Reorganized Debtors
9 with respect to claims that remain contingent as of the assumption date and,
10 therefore, are not paid as part of the monetary cure required by Bankruptcy Code
11 section 365(b)(1). If an executory contract is assumed, it is assumed *cum onre*,
12 and those obligations include any obligation to indemnify the contract counter-
13 party. *See In re Plitt Amusement Co. of Wash., Inc.*, 233 B.R. 837, 840 (Bankr.
14 C.D. Cal. 1999) (Courts reject "attempt[s] to assume part of a contract or lease,
15 and to reject the remainder.").
- 16 • The Injunction imposes unnecessary risks on third parties. Finally, the injunction
17 bars the assertion of all claims barred by the Plan's broad release and exculpation
18 provisions. The Plan's exculpation provision, however, cannot bar claims for
19 willful misconduct or gross negligence. Thus, under this provision, any party
20 wishing to assert a claim in which an exculpated party may have engaged in
21 willful misconduct or gross negligence risks being held in contempt if, at trial, a
22 court concludes that the conduct was merely negligent or not actionable at all.
23 Parties believing that they have such claims based upon an exculpated party's
24 willful misconduct or gross negligence should not have to risk being held in
25 contempt if, at trial, those claims are not found to be meritorious.

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27 **b. The Discharge**

28 Section XI.G purports to restate the discharge to which the Debtor would be entitled in the

event that the Plan is confirmed and the Effective Date occurs. That provision should also be deleted or amended for the following reasons:

- The provision is unnecessary. Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d) states that, unless a plan provides otherwise, confirmation of a plan discharges the Debtors from debts that arose prior to the confirmation date. Section 524 prescribes the effect of that discharge. There is no reason to restate the provisions of those sections, or the myriad of cases construing those sections, in the Plan and, by doing so, attempt to expand the relief to which the Reorganized Debtors are entitled.
- This section improperly attempts to discharge the Debtors from claims that arose prior to the Effective Date. As indicated above, the Plan impermissibly provides for a discharge of claims that “arose prior to the Effective Date.” Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d)(1)(A) is explicit – a chapter 11 discharge discharges claims that arose prior to the date that a chapter 11 plan is confirmed. This provision should either be deleted or amended to conform to section 1141(d)(1)(A).

4. Miscellaneous Provisions

a. Plan Modifications

Section VI.N of the Plan permits the Debtors, Hillair, the Reorganized Debtors and/or the Creditor Trustee to “execute such amendments, modifications, supplements, and other such documents as may be reasonably appropriate to implement the Plan.” This section appears to permit the foregoing parties to amend the Plan without obtaining this Court’s approval of the amendment in violation of Bankruptcy Code section 1127(f)(2). 11 U.S.C. § 1127(f)(2) (“The plan, as modified, shall become the plan only after there has been disclosure under section 1125 as the court may direct, notice and a hearing, and such modification is approved.”). This provision should either be stricken or modified to make it clear that the Plan cannot be modified following its confirmation without complying with § 1127.

b. Orders in Aid of Plan Implementation.

Sections VII.K and XII.M of the Plan improperly impose broad, and undefined, obligations on Claim holders. Section VII.K requires holders of Claims to “join in the execution

1 and delivery of, any agreement or instrument **appropriate** for the consummation of this Plan.”
2 Emphasis added. Similarly, Section XII.M of the Plan provides that “all Holders of Claims . . .
3 shall execute and deliver . . . any instrument . . . **appropriate** to effectuate the Plan, and perform
4 any other act that is **appropriate** for the consummation of the Plan.” (Emphasis added).

5 Bankruptcy Code section 1142(b) provides that “the **court** may direct” necessary parties
6 “to execute or deliver . . . any instrument **required** to effect a transfer of property dealt with by a
7 confirmed plan, and to perform any other act . . . that is **necessary** for the consummation of the
8 plan.” (Emphasis added). *In re Lehman Bros. Holdings Inc.*, 591 B.R. 153, 159 (Bankr.
9 S.D.N.Y. 2018) (“[S]ection 1142(b) is not an independent source of power; section 1142(b) does
10 not confer any substantive rights on a party apart from what is provided for in the plan.”). If a
11 party refuses to comply with its obligations under the Plan, the party implementing the Plan may
12 return to this Court to obtain an appropriate order under section 1142(b). The Court cannot, and
13 should not, abdicate its proper role in implementing the Plan by obligating third parties to execute
14 documents and perform actions merely because a party implementing the Plan believes that it is
15 “appropriate” for them to do so.

16 Further, section 1142(b) refers to instruments “required” to effectuate property transfers
17 and “necessary” to consummate the plan. The Plan goes further – referencing agreements,
18 instruments and acts “appropriate” to consummate the Plan. What is appropriate or convenient
19 may not be required or necessary. Thus, the Plan improperly attempts to expand the authority
20 granted to the Court by section 1142(b).

21 **c. Retention of Jurisdiction**

22 The Plan’s retention of jurisdiction provision (Article X) is also improper. Article X
23 purports to grant to this Court **exclusive** jurisdiction over “any proceeding (i) arising under the
24 Bankruptcy Code or (ii) arising in or related to the Chapter 11 Cases or the Plan . . .” Congress’
25 grant of exclusive jurisdiction to the district courts (and, by reference, to the bankruptcy courts) is
26 limited to “cases under title 11.” 28 U.S.C. § 1334(a). The district courts’ jurisdiction over
27 proceedings “arising under title 11, or arising in or related to cases under title 11” is non-
28 exclusive. 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b). The Plan, therefore, cannot deprive parties of their right to

1 institute proceedings arising under title 11, or arising in or related to cases under title 11, in other
2 fora, nor can it grant this Court exclusive jurisdiction over those proceedings when Congress
3 chose not to do so.

4 In addition to ignoring the express grant of non-exclusive jurisdiction in section 1334(b),
5 the granting of exclusive jurisdiction to this Court violates parties' rights to a *de novo* hearing
6 over "non-core" matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(c) and to obtain the withdrawal of the
7 reference of matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d).¹⁹ The provision also violates 28 U.S.C. §
8 157(e) by depriving parties entitled to a jury trial of their right to consent to any jury trial that
9 may be conducted by this Court, or of their Seventh Amendment right to a jury trial. As a result,
10 the provision conflicts with the Supreme Court's holding in *Stern v. Marshall*, 564 U.S. 462
11 (2011). Moreover, while bankruptcy courts may retain jurisdiction post-confirmation, such
12 jurisdiction must have a "close nexus" to the bankruptcy plan or proceedings. *Spectrum Eng'g*
13 *Inc. v. Goldin (In re Pegasus Gold Corp.)*, 394 F.3d 1189, 1193 (9th Cir. 2005). The Plan cannot
14 confer jurisdiction on this Court where it does not otherwise exist. *In re Nobel Grp., Inc.*, 529
15 B.R. 284, 291 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2015) ("Subject matter jurisdiction cannot be conferred by
16 consent of the parties. Where a court lacks subject matter jurisdiction over a dispute, the parties
17 cannot create it by agreement, even in a plan of reorganization." (citations omitted)).

18 Moreover, Section X(k) of the Plan purports to confer jurisdiction on this Court to modify
19 the Plan "even after this Plan has been substantially consummated." Bankruptcy Code section
20 1127(b) does not permit modification of a "substantially consummated" plan. *In re Caviata*
21 *Attached Homes, LLC*, 481 B.R. 34, 46 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2012) ("Section 1127(b) provides that a
22 chapter 11 plan may be modified before but not after 'substantial consummation' of the plan.");
23 *In re BNW, Inc.*, 201 B.R. 838, 845 (Bankr. S.D. Ala. 1996) ("Modification of a plan under 11
24 U.S.C. § 1127(b) is only appropriate if the plan is not substantially consummated and the
25 proponent of the plan or the reorganized debtor seeks it.").

26 Additionally, Sections X.m and X.n of the Plan constitute "blank checks" regarding the
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28 ¹⁹ Although the Amazon Litigation is presently pending in this Court, Amazon intends to file a motion to withdraw
the reference of that proceeding to this Court so that the matter can be heard in the district court.

1 Court’s “exclusive” post-confirmation jurisdiction. Those sections provide for the retention of
2 post-confirmation jurisdiction to hear “any other matter not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy
3 Code” or “deemed relevant by the Bankruptcy Court.” “Bankruptcy Code” is defined in the Plan
4 as “title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532, as amended.” Bankruptcy
5 jurisdiction is provided for at 28 U.S.C. § 1334, not in the “Bankruptcy Code.” Thus, these
6 provisions purport to grant this Court unlimited post-confirmation jurisdiction despite the
7 limitations on that jurisdiction in Title 28 and applicable case law, such as *Stern*.

8 All of these provisions should be deleted before confirmation of the Plan is considered.

9 **d. Existing Orders**

10 While perhaps not intended to do so, Section XII.I of the Plan could be read as depriving
11 Amazon of its appellate rights with respect to this Court’s denial of Amazon’s motion for relief
12 from the stay. That Section provides that “[a]ll orders and judgments . . . entered by the
13 Bankruptcy Court during the Chapter 11 Cases, and in existence on the Confirmation Date, shall
14 remain in full force and effect from and after the Effective Date, to the extent not inconsistent
15 with the provisions of this Plan or the Confirmation Order.” This Court’s order denying
16 Amazon’s motion for relief from the stay is one such order that will be in effect on the
17 Confirmation Date, if the Plan is confirmed. Because there is no exception in this provision for
18 orders or judgments on appeal, the effect of this provision on appeals that are pending on the
19 Confirmation Date is unclear. This Section should either be deleted as unnecessary (since there is
20 nothing in the Plan or applicable law that would expunge any existing orders or judgments), or
21 revised to make it clear that this provision does not affect any party’s appellate rights.

22 **III. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

23 The Plan provides that the Plan Proponents will file a “Plan Supplement” “within 5 days
24 prior to the Confirmation Hearing.” Plan § II.A.78. While the Plan describes some of the things
25 that will be included in the Plan Supplement (*see* Plan §§ II.A.34, VI.J, and VI.M.11), there is
26 nothing in the Plan that indicates that those items are an exclusive list of the items that may be
27 included in the Plan Supplement. Because the Plan Supplement has not been filed as of the date
28 of this plan objection, Amazon reserves its right to assert such other and further objections to the

1 Plan Supplement as may be appropriate.

2 Amazon also reserves the right to further amend, modify, or supplement this Objection,
3 including at the Confirmation Hearing. Amazon further reserves all of its rights to supplement
4 this Objection with respect to any amendments or modifications to the Plan (including any
5 exhibits or supplements to be filed with the Plan Supplement), the proposed Confirmation Order,
6 or any other documents submitted to the Bankruptcy Court prior to the Confirmation Hearing.

7 **IV. CONCLUSION**

8 In conclusion, the Plan as proposed is plainly unconfirmable for the reasons stated above.
9 There is also no evidence that a confirmable plan is in prospect. Rather, the Debtors are
10 unabashedly seeking to further delay termination of the Amazon contract. This is not a valid
11 basis to confirm an unconfirmable plan. Rather, confirmation should be denied and these cases
12 converted to cases under chapter 7 so that a trustee, rather than a chief restructuring officer hand-
13 picked by Hillair, can pursue the best interests of creditors and the estate.

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15 Dated: June 26, 2020

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